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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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January 7, 1954

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As you are aware, a program for additional radio monitoring has recently been approved by National Security Council action and has been included in the Budget message to Congress. This program involves the expansion of the radio monitoring capabilities of the Federal Communications Commission and will not only be of considerable benefit to the departments and agencies of government which are users of the radio spectrum but will be responsive to national needs for more complete information on radio frequency usage.

January 14, 1954 has been tentatively set by the House Independent Offices Sub-Committee on Appropriations as the date when it will consider the budget presentation of the FCC in which this item for additional radio monitoring appears. The FCC, in turn, is requesting the sub-committee to take up this additional monitoring item at a closed session prior to a consideration of other items in its budget.

It will be appreciated if representation from your agency can be present during the forthcoming consideration of this budget item for the purpose of indicating the support of this program by your agency.

It is requested that all designated representatives be in attendance at a preliminary discussion of the budget presentation at 2:15 p.m., Monday, January 11, 1954, in Room 159, Executive Office Building.

In order to conserve time, it will be appreciated if you will have your representative contact Mr. William A. Porter, my Assistant Director for Telecommunications, as soon as possible. Mr. Porter in turn will supply the necessary documents and confirm meeting times, dates and arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Request from the Director, Office of Defense Mobilization for CIA Attendance at Congressional Hearings on the FCC Budget for Additional Radio Monitoring.

REFERENCE: Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Flemming, Director ODM, dated 7 January 1954, above subject.

1. Reference (Enclosure 1) requested:

a. CIA representation at hearings of the FCC budget presentation for subject radio monitoring facilities before the appropriate Congressional Committee on 14 January, and

b. That the CIA representatives attend a preliminary discussion in the Office of the Assistant Director for Telecommunications, Office of Defense Mobilization, on Monday, 11 January.

2. The Assistant Director for Telecommunications, ODM, specifically requested my presence at both the preliminary discussions and also at the Congressional hearings. I attended the preliminary discussions in company with my Deputy, [REDACTED]

3. On Tuesday, 12 January, I, together with General Counsel, Mr. Lawrence Houston, met with General Cabell to consider whether or not it would be desirable to have CIA representatives appear before the Congressional Committee in support of the FCC presentation.

4. General Cabell directed that I discuss this matter with the Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence. This was done on Wednesday, 13 January and Dr. Chadwell and I recommended to General Cabell that we not permit CIA attendance at the hearings but that a statement be given the Office of Defense Mobilization which could be used at the hearings. This statement (Enclosure 2) which was concurred in by AD/SI and the General Counsel

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was forwarded by me on Wednesday, 13 January to the Assistant Director for Telecommunications, ODM (hand carried by my Deputy).

5. A proposed draft reply to the reference is attached as Enclosure 3.

Assistant Director for Communications

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Attachments:

- 1 - Ltr fm Dir, ODM, dtd 7 Jan 54
- 2 - Statement
- 3 - Proposed Ltr to Dir, ODM fm DCI



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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Director
Office of Defense Mobilization
Executive Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.**

Dear Dr. Flemming:

In your letter to me dated 7 January 1954, you referred to hearings by the House Independent Offices Sub-Committee on Appropriations of that part of the budget of the Federal Communications Commission which pertains to additional radio monitoring. You requested representation of this Agency at those hearings for the purpose of indicating our support of the program.

You also requested that my representatives attend a preliminary discussion of the budget presentation for this program with your Assistant Director for Telecommunications on 11 January 1954. My representative attended this meeting.

Careful consideration has been given to the question of whether or not it is desirable for this Agency to have representatives present during the hearings. I have decided that it is not desirable. However, my Assistant Director for Communications has forwarded to Mr. William A. Porter of your office a statement of this Agency's interest in the program which may be used in support of the proposed program for additional radio monitoring by the FCC.

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Sincerely,

**Allen W. Dulles
Director**

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